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12 November 1957

INTER OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the 40th meeting, held 6 November 1957 at 1000 hours in room 1521, Barton Hall.

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Present:

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[REDACTED] O/SI - Acting Chairman

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[REDACTED] RSB/SR

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[REDACTED] O/SI

[REDACTED] O/SI

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[REDACTED] O/CI

[REDACTED] DD/P

[REDACTED] O/C

[REDACTED] O/RR

[REDACTED] O/SI - Secretary

1. Minutes of the 39th meeting (2 October) were approved with the following substitution for paragraph 8, 4th sentence:

It was felt that more US groups should be sent to the USSR, that their time and geographical area coverage not be unduly curtailed, and that their access to important electronics and telecommunications installations be on an entirely equitable basis. It is important that each group be organized to cover thoroughly only one particular aspect of electronics and telecommunications, such as, research and development; production; or operational telecommunications; and each group be properly briefed on our interests and needs.

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2. [REDACTED] noted the action by the NSC on 4 October concerning NSC-169 which had the effect of:

a. Removing the requirement for periodic reporting.

b. Referring international broadcasting aspects of NSC-169 to OCB (instead of ODM) for coordination.

c. Leaving all other aspects with ODM, giving ODM permission to make agreed changes in NSC-169 policy.

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In addition the President requested a brief report by ODM in consultation with CIA and other agencies on the location of radio broadcasting facilities abroad and the allocation of radio frequencies.

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3. For RSB/SR [REDACTED] reported that:

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a. [REDACTED] has been assigned to problems of ITU Conference preparatory work.

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b. The report of [REDACTED] on collocation of RSB with NSA will shortly be ready for distribution to the Committee. [REDACTED] noted that NSA is not preparing any further recommendations as a result of [REDACTED] visit.)

c. The big tabulation of unclassified usage information (1500 pages) will be printed in view of expressed consumer interest. The previously recommended classification of Official Use Only may not be acceptable to the military because of inclusion of some (unclassified) military usage information. It was suggested that if necessary to maintain the OVO classification the list be published excluding the military usage information, with a classified supplement for the latter.

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4. [REDACTED] reported on his recent visit to Europe including:

a. The Schramm Conference.

b. A seminar of Embassy personnel engaged in monitoring.

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c. Visits to the Defense jammer surveillance operation bases.

d. Visits to [REDACTED]

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5. A discussion of the Schramm conference brought out that the conferees recognized the need for improved equipment, for occasional visits by technicians to the embassies, for more monitoring by Embassy travellers, and for inclusion of more information from interviews and correspondence in signal effectiveness evaluation. [REDACTED] explained what was contemplated to meet these recommendations. [REDACTED] commented that he doubted the wisdom of our proposing to State the suggestion of the Schramm conference that wives of embassy officers be used for signal monitoring.

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6. [REDACTED] reported that the Working Group evaluating Project [REDACTED] have had two meetings; and a third is scheduled for 12 November. It is possible that the Group will be ready to report by the next

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meeting of the Committee. Discussion of the Soviet Amateur Sputnik reporting net indicated the need for establishing requirements, if any, for information from this source.

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7. [REDACTED] reported the change in the status of Embassy monitoring during the past month. It was noted that the selection of persons to participate in this program had been left to the Ambassador. A budgetary staff study is being drafted to provide for equipment and travel expenses for this program.

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8. [REDACTED] reported on the value to date of the [REDACTED] reports by NSA. ORR/S/COM has found them very useful: in several instances the published report was in response to a specific requirement by S/COM. O/SI had found five out of the first seventeen surveyed to contain information of use in its area of interest. [REDACTED] suggested any comments and suggestions should be put in writing which O/CI could pass along to NSA.

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9. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 4 December at 1000 hours.

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Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED]
Secretary

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